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"K" DIVISION CRIMINAL ANALYSIS SECTION

OPEN SOURCE INTELLIGENCE REPORT
PUBLIC ORDER EVENTS
K Division – 2022/02/04 15:00 Update

COUTTS AND RELATED PUBLIC ORDER EVENTS K DIVISION

BACKGROUND

K DCAS is engaged in focused open source collection on events related to the Coutts border matter occurring in RCMP jurisdiction in Alberta. The intent is to identify any events that may present officer or public safety concerns.

SUMMARY OF PUBLIC ORDER EVENTS IN K DIVISION

12:00 updates appear in **GREEN**
Sit Reps appear in **BLUE**

SHOW UP FOR COUTTS // 'SLOW ROLL' CONVOYS

- At approximately 17:00, 2022/02/03, the Western Standard reported that the Coutts blockade plans to shut down at 07:00 on 2022/02/04, and begin a convoy to Edmonton. This post was shared by Personal Info. . This information was then repeated by several others, such as Rebel News, however other posts continue to tell supporters to travel down to Coutts.
    - There is constant chatter both on the ground and online about movement and while some movement starts they often end up settling back at Coutts.
- Facebook Group "Alberta (Coutts) Freedom Horseback Riders 2022" calling for "all riders to action" to hold the line at the Coutts border "asap" and/or tomorrow (2022/02/04), as well as their planned event 2022/02/05 to do a flag exchange with riders from the USA. Additional posts located refer to using horseback riders to bypass the blockades, bring supplies to people currently there, etc.
    - Post also located on "Alberta (Coutts) Freedom Horseback Riders 2022" identifying hotels where RCMP members are staying.
    - Post located calling for assistance to shut down.
    - UPDATE: There are unverified reports of a Personal concert on 2022/02/05 at 12:00 at Highway 4 and Highway 501.
- Supporters have been directed to bring supplies to Milk River Visitor Centre every day at noon. (2022/02/02).

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  - UPDATE: a "Personal Info." posted to the AB Coutts Convoy Jan 29 Facebook page that he will be bringing a 50 tonne crane to Milk River on 2022/02/05.
- A second convoy will be departing Calgary for the protest in Ottawa on 2022/02/06 at 10:00.
  - Freedom Second Wave Event is being organized for 2022/02/06 at 10:00. This is a convoy from Calgary to Ottawa, being organized by former Maverick Party candidate Personal
  - SIT REP:Personal Info. of Street Church Ministries wants to have a service in Milk River at 14:00. Personal is on current conditions and would be in breach if this occurred. (2022/02/03).
  - Video of Personal in Coutts, AB posted to YouTube on 2022/02/03.
- Edmonton Daily Convoys will occur 2022/02/01 – 2022/02/05
- UPDATE: Convoys to Edmonton on 2022/02/05 are being titled "**FREEDOM CONVOY**" or "**COFFEE WITH KENNEY CONVOY**".
  - Groups travelling from St. Paul area will be joining a group from Lloydminster at Mundare at approximately 11:00.
  - Groups travelling from the south have provided an itinerary beginning 2022/02/04 0900 at Barnwell, proceeding through Lethbridge, Fort MacLeod, Claresholm, Nanton, and Balzac. They will overnight in Olds and depart for Edmonton at 08:00 on 2022/02/05.
  - SIT REP: The "co/organizer for Ponoka Convoy Freedom 22" indicated that he was part of the group who held this same event last Saturday in Ponoka (2022/01/29). Person stated they will all meet behind the Ponoka Tim Horton's on Highway 2A before 09:00 MST. The plan is for everyone to "roll out" of Town by 10:15 using Hwy 2A to Hwy 2 and then to the legislature.
  - 2022/02/05 a convoy is planned by Alberta Freedom Convoy 2022CA to leave Lloydminster at 09:00 to head into Edmonton.
  - SIT REP: Possibly the same group. A "Lloydminster Truck Convoy" is planned for 10:30 on 2022/02/05 leaving from Redhead Equipment, Lloydminster, SK. The same event a week prior drew 500 people to the area outside RCMP / City Hall. There is nothing to suggest that they are heading to the same location this time. Some of the same individuals involved in previous mandate protests look to be part of this group. The previous week's convoy did not cause any traffic concerns.
  - Alberta 4 Liberty organizing protests at CTV news and the Legislature for 2022/02/05, starting at 11:30 at the Legislature, and then moving to CTV for 13:00.
  - UPDATE: A reference to a convoy from Lethbridge to the Legislature on 2022/02/04 has been posted by the Twitter user @Person. Further information has not been located.
- A call went out on Facebook asking people to proceed to Coutts as backup including those with off road vehicle available. (2022/02/03).

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  - The focus appears to be on lifting all mandates in Alberta. This appears to be the centre of activity for today.
- UPDATE: A convoy to Coutts from Nisku, AB is planned for 2022/02/04, called by the groups "Rally 4 Resources – The Movement". The convoy is to meet at 12:30 and leave by 13:00. The post has received over 300 shares. This is being called the "Freedom Convoy to Coutts" and is advertising that it is a new day/time.
- Convoys are planned on 2022/02/05 to start from Fort McMurray, Westlock, Lac La Biche, Athabasca and a number of other areas, with the intent to converge at the Co/op Grocery Store on Railway Avenue in Boyle at 10:00.
  - SIT REP: Static protest at the court house planned for Fort McMurray. These have been weekly and draw abut 10-20 people (2022/02/05 13:00 – 15:00).
- **ASSESSMENT**: It is unknown how much participation the Boyle convoy is going to attract. The organizer Personal Info., is trying to drum up support by promoting this event in a number of different local Facebook groups, but does not seem to be gaining a lot of traction. However, several of the cities that are included in this plan had significant turnouts for last weekend's support rally.
- Another Alberta/wide convoy protest is planned for Saturday, 2022/02/05, starting from Aldersyde in the South and travelling up the QEII. The organizers (Personal Info. et al.) are planning convoys to start from locations all around Alberta. The group starting in Acheson will likely have the most participants, followed by the group starting in Nisku.
  - UPDATE: Details of organizers and their vehicles have been posted.
  - UPDATE: A group will be travelling from the Valleyview Shell station at 07:00 on 2022/02/05 to join.
  - An additional group from the Lethbridge, AB area may join this convoy.
  - SIT REP: Intermittent blockades in Red Cliff detachment at the intersection of highway #3 and township road #120 (2022/02/04 12:00).
  - SIT REP: On 2022/02/05 an 09:00 convoy is being planned for the Vermillion and Vagerville area intending to move towards Edmonton. This convoy will be delayed to 10:45.
  - SIT REP: Beaumont RCMP 2022/02/04 have the threat of a convoy from one Perso Perso. He called the mayor and was very irate about the mayor's compliance with the vaccine mandates. He threatened to bring a 50 truck convoy to conduct a blockade in Beaumont. RCMP intervened and spoke with both parties. Security for the mayor's office has been addressed.

2022/02/02 Slow rolls (@Persona)

- Slow Roll/like events are being planned for Lethbridge, Edmonton, and Calgary.

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  - SIT REP: 2022/02/03 at 10:30 a planned Freedom convoy formed to travel to Sylvan Lake from Eckville, AB. About 54 participated in the convoy as it left Eckville at noon. There was one associated incident of road rage which was dealt with by law enforcement.
- OPERATION BEARHUG 2022/02/02 – scheduled for multiple locations. Organizers include Perso Personal Info. .
  - Grande Prairie plan may be postponed.
  - UPDATE: Operation Bearhug Calgary Support event on 2022/02/05 has 200 respondents. Route appears to circle Calgary via Stoney Trail ring road, beginning at 12:00. Event specifies that Calgary Police have been engaged. Will likely have traffic implications for surrounding detachment areas.
- UPDATE: There may have been a convoy from Vauxhall to Taber on 2022/02/04. This could not be verified.
- UPDATE: A group of approximately 40 vehicles may be gathering at Stavely, AB each day at 12:00 in solidarity with the Coutts border.

'ALBERTA SCHOOL WIDE WALKOUT'

- Looking to challenge the mask mandates for children will be taking place around noon on 2022/02/03 and 2022/02/04 in Drayton Valley and possible other locations.
- There is a call for an Alberta/wide school walkout for students opposed to mask mandates in schools. The alleged organizer is based out of Drayton Valley. This event is gaining some traction on social media but currently unknown how big it will become. There is a callout for students to walk out in protest after lunch on 2022/02/03 or 2022/02/04. The advertisement now appears on multiple accounts and groups.
- **Assessment**: This protest was advertised by the Alberta Blue Skies Facebook group, which often disseminates information about various events happening throughout the province. It was posted today at 08:06 and has since generated 52 comments and 239 shares. The poster has been shared by a few other people on Facebook as well, however nobody seems to be indicating that they are participating or that they know of people who plan to participate. The organizer is based out of Drayton Valley, so there may be a protest at a high school there. Alberta Blue Skies does have 73,397 followers so this event could gain more traction.
  - SIT REP: Confirmed that 10 students attended a school in Olds refusing to wear masks on 2022/02/01. The parents (5 couples) were contacted by the school at the end of the day. They remained uncooperative with school policy. The situation was repeated again on 2022/02/02 and became unsafe for school administrators. The school has suspended in person learning for all until 2022/02/07. The detachment is on stand-by to support on Monday should the school re-open to in person learning. This situation has been picked up by the media and social media.

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- UPDATE: Social media posts indicate participation in this event again today, but numbers are not yet known.

- SIT REP: Morinville Detachment received information from Personal Info. for the Morinville Public/Four Winds School in Morinville that a protest was being planned for 2022/02/04 at his school around lunch at 11:25.
- SIT REP: Three Hills RCMP received information about the Three Hills School and Prairie Christian Academy Demonstration/Protest tomorrow morning.
- SITR REP: On 2022/02/02, Strathmore RCMP were made aware of a possible COVID 19 School Walk/Out Protest to take place on 2022/02/04. A flyer states to walkout of your school with signs and letters and invites parents and other family and friends to join. The flyer is not specific to any Golden Hills School Division School.
- SIT REP: Redcliff detachment has two protests potentially converging in the parking lot of Eagle Butte High School. The school protest began at 09:30 and a second anti/mandate protest is expected in the same location at 12:00 (2022/02/04).
- SIT REP: Brooks Detachment has been advised by their local school district that protests are expected at 12:00. The number of participants and organizers are unknown at this time. (2022/02/04).
- SIT REP: RIMBEY detachment has been advised of the potential for school anti/mandate /support for Coutts protests occurring after lunch. Based on the short notice the numbers will hopefully be small, but they are unable to assess at this time. The organised may be a Personal Info., but this is unconfirmed at this time.
- SIT REP: Oyen detachment has been advised of a school protest to take place at 13:00 on 2022/02/04 beginning at the CO-OP Gas bar. Since 2022/01/31 students have bene refusing to wear masks in school with 34 students participating by 2022/02/03. Online supervised learning has been made available to these students.
- SIT REP: Settler facing a planned school protest at 12:00 on 2022/02/04.
- SIT REP: Lac La Biche student anti-mask protest planned for 12:00 on 2022/02/04.
- SIR REP: Kitscoty Detachment has been advised of a potential localised anti-mask school protest on school grounds. The school has been advised to follow policy on unauthorised individuals on school grounds and contact RCMP should anything actually develop.
- SIT REP: "Let Us Breath" student walk out planned for Bonnyville at 12:20 on 2022/02/04 or noted as 2022/02/05. Students are unlikely to walk out on a Saturday unless these schools operates on a different schedule.

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STAND WITH UKRAINE

- SIT REP: Stand with Ukraine gatherings being planned across the country on 2022/02/06 at 14:00. These gatherings are to demonstrate support for the sovereignty of the nation of Ukraine due to buildup of military tensions with Russia.
    - One gathering planned for Vagerville, AB organised by Personal Info. .

FARMERS 4 FREEDOM:

- A group called **Farmers 4 Freedom** has using farm equipment, however, they are currently debating if that protest should happen due to possible lack of manpower.
- **ASSESSMENT**: It appears that this protest will go ahead, the number of attendees is uncertain.
- **Details**: The current plan is to have at least two groups, one starting at the Menaik overpass north of Ponoka, and one starting north of Lacombe on Highway 2A. The goal is to have additional people start at different areas, but some of the participants are worried that there will not be enough people attending to make a statement and would like to consolidate groups.
- **UPDATE: Farmers for Freedom has been sharing posts regarding the convoys to Edmonton on 2022/02/05.**

NO UPDATES BELOW THIS LINE

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BLACK LABEL COFFEE HOUSE

- The Personal Info. in Red Deer has posted regarding a follow up from Alberta Health Services at 10:00 on 2022/02/03. AHS has advised Red Deer RCMP that they will be issuing a closing order. The Personal Info. has encouraged followers to attend the location at the same time.
    - SIT REP UPDATE: AHS attended the Personal Info. on 2022/02/03 to serve a notice ordering in/person dining to cease. Two Red Deer Detachment members attended to keep the peace. The order was issued, the owners were cooperative and there were no issues.

AIRDRIE SPEAKERS CORNER PROTEST

- Airdrie Speakers Corner Protest at Airdrie City Hall 2022/02/04.
- Airdrie Speakers Corner Protest at Airdrie Co/op 2022/02/06.

MACKENZIE COUNTY FREEDOM RALLY

- Scheduled for 2022/02/05, beginning in La Crete at 11:00, and going into High Level.

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STRATHMORE FREEDOM RALLY

- SIT REP: 2022/02/05 15:00 a planned 'meeting' organised by Personal Info. She is looking to make it a weekly gathering for the community to discuss the current public health orders.

FOOTHILLS FREEDOM RALLY

- The regular weekly rally in Okotoks is going to host Personal Info., well known anti/lockdown activist who often attracts large crowds. They depart from 50 McRea St, Okotoks, Alberta at about noon. At least 15 have indicated interest in the event with 27 total having responded. The same group hosting this event is also hosting another "slow roll" protest in Okotoks on 2021/02/06.
    - **ASSESSMENT**: Although this is a recurring protest that has been happening weekly, the presence of Personal Info., a well known anti/lockdown activist who is extremely prominent on social media, may increase the number of attendees.

STAND FOR FREEDOM

- Cochrane Unite "Stand for Freedom" Rally in Cochrane on 2021/02/06. Meeting at Centennial Plaza, 1st Street in Cochrane, Alberta.
- **ASSESSMENT**: This appears to be a repeat of a protest held on 2022/01/30.
    - **Sit Rep:** Based on social media posts on the "Calgary Freedom Central" Facebook page, it appears the organizers are trying to schedule a second rally for Sunday, 2022/02/06 from 14:00/15:00 on 1st Street in Cochrane.

LIMITATIONS

This information was gathered primarily from open source where accessible. Private groups and profiles were not viewed nor were encrypted communications.

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